8.0 SOCIAL WORK THEORIES AND PRACTICE (110 HOURS)

8.1.01 INTRODUCTION

This module unit is designed to equip the trainee with knowledge, skills and attitudes that will enable him/her to apply appropriate social work methods in social development.

8.1.02 GENERAL OBJECTIVES

By the end of this module unit, the trainee should be able to:

a)   appreciate the importance of ethics in social work

b)   understand the historical development of social work

c)   understand the importance of management programmes in society

d)   understand emerging trends in social work

e)   appreciate the role of a social worker in society.

SUMMARY OF MODULE UNIT TOPICS AND TIME ALLOCATION

CODE	TOPICS	SUB-TOPICS	HOURS
8.1.1	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK	- Meaning of social work - Areas of social work practice - Role of social worker in the identified areas - Historical background of social work - Scope of social work - Importance of social work in the society - Factors contributing to the need for social work in developing countries	20
8.1.2	THEORIES APPLICABLE IN SOCIAL WORK	- Theories applicable in social work - Importance of social work theories - Application of applicable theories in relevant situations	15
8.1.3	SOCIAL WORK SKILLS	- Characteristics of a social work profession - Skills and competencies required by a social worker - Challenges in Social work	10
8.1.4	SOCIAL WORK ETHICS AND VALUES	- Social work ethics and values - Importance of ethics and values in social work - Impact of ethics and values on social work - Ethical responsibilities of social workers - Basic principles of social work	15
8.1.5	SOCIAL WORK PROCESS	- Social work process - Importance of social work process - Stages of social work process	15
8.1.6	METHODS OF SOCIAL WORK	- Methods of social work - Factors to consider in each method - Importance of each method - Impact of each method on social work - Advantages and disadvantages of each method	15
8.1.7	MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES	- Social services - Importance of managing social services - Methods of managing social services	15

		• Challenges in managing social service		
8.1.8	EMERGING TRENDS IN SOCIAL WORK	• Emerging trends in social work		5
TOTAL				**110**

8.1.1   **INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK**

Specific Objectives

By the end of this topic, the trainee should be able to:

a) explain the meaning of social work

b) discuss the areas of social work practice

c) discuss the role of social worker in the identified areas

d) describe the historical background of social work

e) discuss the scope of social work

f) discuss the importance of social work in society

g) discuss the factors that contribute to the need for social work in developing countries

8.1.1.1   Meaning of social work

- Meaning
- Mission
- Purpose

8.1.1.2   Areas of social work practice

8.1.1.3   Role of social worker in the identified areas

8.1.1.4   Historical background of social work

- Evolution of social work in developed countries
- Evolution of social work in Kenya

8.1.1.5   Scope of social work

8.1.1.6   Importance of social work in society

8.1.1.7   Factors that contribute to the need for social work in developing countries

8.1.2   **THEORIES APPLICABLE IN SOCIAL WORK**

Specific Objectives

By the end of this topic, the trainee should be able to:

a) discuss theories applicable in social work

b) discuss importance of social work theories

c) apply the theories of social work in relevant situations.

8.1.2.1	Theories applicable in social work

- Psychoanalytic theory
- Social learning theory
- Social systems theory
- Conflict theory
- Humanistic existential theory
- Functionalist theory

8.1.2.2	Importance of applicable theories in social work
8.1.2.3	Application of theories in relevant situations

- Identification of situation
- Factors in determining the relevant theory

8.1.3	SOCIAL WORK SKILLS
8.1.3.0	Specific Objectives

By the end of this topic, the trainee should be able to:

a) discuss the characteristics of a social work profession

b) discuss the skills and competences required by a social worker

c) discuss the social work problems

8.1.3.1.1	Characteristics of a social work profession
8.1.3.1.2	Skills and competences required by a social worker
8.1.3.1.3	Challenges in social work

- Needs
- Problems
- Resources

8.1.4.	SOCIAL WORK ETHICS AND VALUES

Specific Objectives

By the end of this topic, the trainee should be able to:

a) discuss social work ethics and values

b) discuss the importance of ethics and values in social work

c) discuss the impact of ethics and values on social work.

d) discuss ethical responsibilities of social workers

e) discuss the basic principles of social work

8.1.4.1 Social work ethics and values

8.1.4.2 Importance of ethics in social work and values

8.1.4.3 Impact of ethics and values on social work

8.1.4.4 Ethical responsibilities of social workers

- clients
- colleagues
- professionals
- social work professionals
- broader society

8.1.4.5 Basic principles of social work

8.1.5 SOCIAL WORK PROCESS

Specific Objectives

By the end of this topic, the trainees should be able to:

a) describe social work process

b) escribe the stages in social work process

c) discuss the importance of social work process

8.1.5.1 Social work process

8.1.5.2 Stages in social work process

8.1.5.3 Importance of social work process

8.1.6 METHODS OF SOCIAL WORK IN DEVELOPMENT

Specific Objectives

By the end of this topic, the trainees should be able to:

a) discuss various methods used in social development activities

b) discuss factors to consider for each method

c) discuss the importance of each method

d) discuss the impact of each method on social work.

7

e) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each method

8.1.6.1   Methods used in social development activities

- Case work
- Group work
- Community work
- Social action

8.1.6.2   Factors to consider for each method

- Special groups of people
- Factors
- Challenges

8.1.6.3   Importance of each method

8.1.6.4   Impact of each method on social work

8.1.5.5   Advantages and disadvantages of each method

8.1.7   MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Specific Objectives

By the end of this topic, the trainee should be able to:

a) explain the meaning of social services

b) discuss the importance of managing social services

c) discuss methods of managing social services

d) discuss challenges of managing social services

8.1.8.8   Social services

- Types
- Management

8.1.7.2   Importance of managing social services

8.1.7.3   Methods of managing social services

- Indigenous
- Modern

8.1.7.4   Challenges in managing social services

- Special groups

- Challenges
- Management

8.1.7.8 EMERGING TRENDS IN SOCIAL WORK

Specific Objectives
By the end of this topic, the trainee should be able to:

a) discuss emerging trends in social work.

8.1.7.8.1 Emerging trends in social work
- Community based development
- Empowerment as a basis for social development